

Indianola Council Study Committee
March 23, 2021
7:13 p.m.
Minutes

Members present: Council members Heather Hulen, John Parker, Bob Kling, Gwen Schroder, Greta Southall, Greg Marchant and Mayor Pepper.

Staff present: Ryan Waller, Andy Lent, Jackie Raffety, Akhilesh Pal, Charlie Dissell, Doug Bylund, Courtney Silliman.

Others present: Chadd Kahlsdorf with Bolten and Menk and Dave Moeller with Snyder & Associates

Update regarding the Square Streetscape project and the one-way to two-way conversion on Howard Street, Buxton Street and around the Square.

Presentation Highlights: Project area; utility upgrades; estimated cost; timeline; traffic studies; location of mailboxes; and one-way to two-way conversion details.

Comments:

- Council directed staff to work with building owners and tenants around the Square to discuss the possibility of upgrading their private utilities and to keep them informed during all phases of the 18-month project.
- It was noted that some the oldest infrastructure in the community is located around the Square and will be updated during this project, providing additional safety to the community.
- There are five phases of the project in order to coordinate with the county project and limit disruptions to businesses.
- Council wants staff to move forward with ordinance changes.
- Council directed staff to install 4-way stops at the locations in the traffic study report.
- A median for the mailboxes was the preferred option.

Discussion regarding COVID-19 stimulus funding options:

- City is anticipating two million dollars from the stimulus funding.
- Federal government has not provided clear direction on how the funds can be spent but it is likely it can be spent on infrastructure and to replace lost revenue due to COVID-19.
- Could spend \$500,000 on water line replacement in the Streetscape Project.
- Remaining amount could be spent replacing water and sewer lines, and pavement.
- Possible locations to look at are Boston (D to F Street), North F (Salem to Detroit) or Clinton Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.